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## Elba Board of Education names Daniel Stephens as chairman

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board completed the annual rotation of officers last Thursday, naming long time board member Daniel Stephens as chairman and Dr. Lance K. Dyess as vice chairman. Each member will serve a

one year term in the leadership position. Stepping down from a one year term as chairman is board member Bill Brunson.

The school system ended the month without having to borrow any additional operating money, which is a good sign to budget

they were cautioned not to expect that for the remainder of the fiscal year, as long as proration continues. The financial report did show that the check from the countywide sales tax was higher for this past month, which is a good sign to budget balancing administrators.

A state approved Flexibility

Bill was adopted by the board members in one time action

allowing the diversion of capital improvement funds to salaries, including the school system's retain classroom teachers in at time of state education fund proration. Categories which may

have funding diverted to teacher pay are textbooks, technology, library enhancement, professional development, public school fund (construction, school bus), and with several years with the firm who had the cleaning contract for the school buildings. The hiring of Daniels for this position shows promise of saving the school system money, as he is replacing a custodian who resigned to accept another position and Daniels has expertise in maintaining the floors of the buildings. The school system will have to purchase two new floor buffers (one at the high school and one at the elementary school) but Weeks is optimistic that annual costs will be lower than when the work was contracted to an outside firm.

This action will free up

\$238,536 of funds and will save one English teacher and one Math teacher at the high school.

It will save three elementary teachers and three instructional aides at the elementary school.

The state board of education has

approved this action for only the coming school year, after which time additional funding must be found if state education fund proration continues.

The school system still has

access to about \$150,000 of state legislature capital improvement bond issue money with which must still be used for previously approved construction and/or repairs to buildings.

The same breakdown on

sex and race was reviewed on

the student dropout report for

the previous year.

That report showed exactly half

of the elementary school but no

date has been set to start this work.

The Board accepted the re-

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**FIRE CONTAINED...** All was not a total loss Monday afternoon, June 18, as the Elba Fire Department responded to a mobile home fire on Jones Street. An emergency call was received by the Elba Police Department at 2:21 p.m. Monday afternoon indicating a mobile home fire at the residence of Johnny Luckett. The fire department was immediately alerted of the situation and responded in time to contain the fire to one room of the mobile home. Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson said the mobile home contained major damage to one room with heat and smoke damage in other parts. Above, additional firefighters enter the smoke-filled mobile home as others already inside work to extinguish the blaze. Units from the Elba Police Department and a unit from Coffee County EMS were on hand during the incident.

### City of Elba presents land deed to Coffee County Habitat for Humanity

By Linda Hodge, Editor

Owning a home has always been a goal for most families whether it's in a small town or a large city, and Tuesday morning, June 19, in Elba, the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity got one step closer to helping a family reach that goal.

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It makes you feel real good to see the pride these families have in living in a home they wouldn't have owned any other way," said Cotter.

There are certain criteria a family must meet to qualify for a Habitat for Humanity home, but anyone interested in applying should contact Rev. John Baxter at 807-2219.

**Brown attaining college credit at age 14 through dual enrollment**

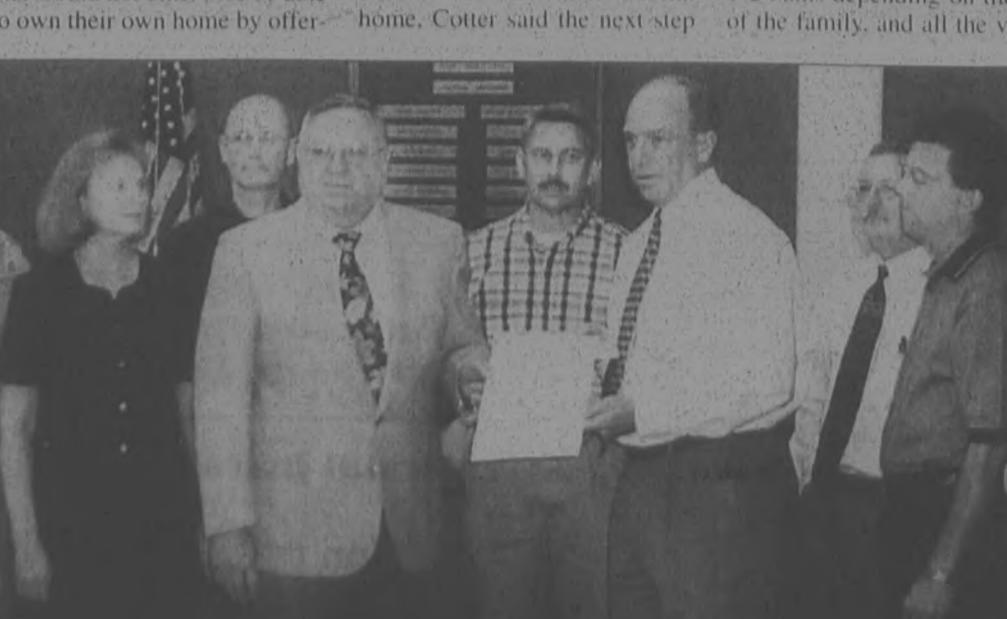
By Linda Hodge, Editor

As a general rule, one would not expect to see a 14-year-old taking classes at Enterprise State Junior College, but that is just what is happening this summer semester.

Levi Brown, age 14, of Jack, is taking day classes at ESJC through the Dual Enrollment Program for Accelerated High School Students. Brown is a ninth grade student at Zion Chapel High School.

"You usually have to be in the tenth grade to be involved with this program," said Brown. "It was my dad's idea for me to enroll, and we had to get special permission."

According to Robin Wyatt, director of admissions and special projects at ESJC, the typical admission criteria for the program is the be a 10th, 11th or 12th grader in high school; be a "B" average student; and receive approval from the high



Elba Mayor James Grimes presents a land deed for property to Billy Cotter, chairman of the board of directors for the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity, as other board members look on. The land will be the site of the second house to be built in Coffee County by Habitat for Humanity.

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**SLICK ROADS...** Although last week's rains were appreciated by most people, a bit of havoc was created for some. On Thursday afternoon, June 14, the rains attributed to a minor accident on Coffee County Road 239. At approximately 3 p.m., the above 1991 Ford driven by Rhonda Johnson, age 16, of Jack left the roadway and slid a good distance before coming to a halt between the shoulder of the road and an embankment. Johnson and a passenger in the vehicle were unspotted by Coffee County EMS to Medical Center Enterprise for minor injuries. Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies were the first to arrive on the scene of the accident and secured the area. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Jerry Allen.

## Area Happenings

**TROY KING KICKOFF RALLY BBO** The public is invited to attend the "Troy King for Secretary of State, Kick off Rally" on Saturday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center in Elba. Tickets are \$10 each. In Elba tickets may be purchased from Liz Mundock 897-5976, Velma Moore 897-2486, Medical Arts, Whitman Drugs and the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

**DEDICATION CEREMONY** Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home will hold a dedication of the new addition and renovation of the Elba Nursing Home on Sunday, June 24, from 1-2:30 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEETING** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, June 25, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The hearing Thursday on the proposed four-laning of U.S. 84 was well attended by interested citizens. Even though the area being reviewed was only the area of 203 Bypass from Beaver Dam Creek to Smith Avenue, local citizens showed great interest. Of course the big question around Elba is, "When?" From this corner we continue to ask the same question and while there is still no definite answer, it is getting closer. We fully believe that most of the 43-mile stretch will be under construction or at least under contract by December of next year (2002). Right now it appears 40-highway department contractors will first section to be four-laned will be from the new Highway 337 bypass in Opelika to the Creek line. In the immediate Elba area from Smith Avenue across Pea River on to New Brockton the engineers are apparently still trying to figure out where to drive their final stretch and actually to command a route on which to build the four lane roadway. These last two sections are expected to get the hearing stage soon. The first section across Pea River is about two months and the last leg to New Brockton is as long as five months away. That is what the man said.

Saturday we went to that big birthday party - granddaughter turned one and it was a family blowout. Of course it is because this just turned one year old had been looking forward to the event and all the festivities for months and us family members and friends did it for that reason and that reason alone. Ha, if you believe that let me make you a good deal on the historic London Bridge! Getting there was a two hour drive that ended on the up side of little Sarah was outside and reaching for her grandfathers as we walked up the walkway. Then upon getting inside, she rewarded us again by demonstrating her new found ability to walk, even weeping the scandals that matched her new birthday outfit. Of course when those things were removed she enjoyed it even better with her bare feet in the shag carpet. Favorite birthday gifts - a set of wrapping papers were her favorite. Of course our friends at Klement's would probably say it was the little Buster Brown outfit grandmother wrapped so carefully in that previously mentioned pretty wrapping paper but reality often differs from our dreams and wishes.

Governor Don Siegelman is always making the news, but last week ended with him boarding a plane for Europe amid rumors of a major shakeup in his staff at the executive cabinet level. Frankly, something was needed and it sure looks like "done." "Shape up," etc., etc. were not working, then it was time for major changes. We personally know several of those caught in the shake out and always hate to see a friend get the ax, but we also wonder if some members of that staff have the best interest of Governor Siegelman and the people of Alabama first and foremost in their mind.

Many long-time Elba residents will remember the Robert King family. Robert Sr. was a building contractor, son Bobby sold real estate and his wife Natalie taught school. Their four boys were still youngsters when the family left Elba. So like all youngsters do, son Troy grew up, got his law degree, worked several years in state government and liked the taste of it. Now he is returning to Elba, if only for a political rally. Troy has indicated he will be a candidate for a statewide office next year and it is fitting that he kick off the campaigning with a rally in his home town of Elba. The event will be held at the National Security Conference Center next Saturday at 11:00 A.M. We will see you there!

Another upcoming event of importance in Elba is the open house and dedication of the new- and major renovation of the Elba Nursing Home. The event is set for Sunday afternoon, June 24th from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. Ceremonies will open with some formal words, ribbon cutting etc. and then a tour of the beautiful, updated facilities. Again - we will see you there!

Morale has been low around Elba for months with the bad local economic news. All the promises to come, returning months and highway work, levee work, multi-million nursing homes, etc. will hasten the upswing. These are all headline making events, but there are other positive things happening. Examples would be the steady work to upgrade the storm drainage system in downtown Elba. Add to that the ongoing work to upgrade the size of water lines to better serve the citizens and hopefully lower the insurance ISO rating and the related fire insurance rates. These is the limited amount of street resurfacing (but with a whopping price tag) which is finally about to get underway. Several years of planning and work has gone into improving the much battered Elba sewer system and this continues even today. The much discussed renovation of the old county jail into a museum and Chamber of Commerce offices is moving ever closer to reality. The city just received a financial grant to help plan the expanded Industrial Park (it helps to be ready when industry comes looking). A shiny new spec building is already siting ready and looking for a new tenant. Efforts are ongoing for funds to improve the local airport. Hey, we are optimistic and grateful to those who stay in the trenches from day to day and are making these improvements become reality.

Stories about the dumbest crooks should have gotten some new candidates for head shaking last week in Dothan. A clothes dryer was stolen from a Dothan church. Some time later a crime stopper called reported several young men riding around the circle with a dryer strapped to the top of their car. Yes it was confirmed to be the stolen one from the church, which was near the mobile home park, where they resided. They of course were arrested. Now it seems the young men are to be charged with several other break-in type crimes. Do you think these guys can walk and chew gum at the same time?

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## Firefighters serve as a symbol of heroism

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The fire department in Elba is famous for its steak cookouts and Monday evenings, I had the privilege of being invited to the event.

In the beginning, I was just happy to be included in them gathering and laughing with the one of these steaks, I had always had such good comments about.

But soon, I realized something about the Elba Fire Department and firefighters in general. They are not only a group of people that share a common bond of fighting fires. They are a family that cares about one another.

That was evident when the firemen and their families at the Elba Fire Department took time Monday evening to say a special prayer for the families of those firemen in New York who lost their lives on "Father's Day" last year.

In my opinion, it takes a special person to be willing to do what these people do every time that alarm goes off.

And, I have an even larger respect for the firefighters of the Elba Fire Department because they do this job strictly on a volunteer basis.

Sure, they get a small amount of compensation for each fire call they respond to, but it is certainly not enough to compensate the amount of danger they are willing to do this.

I have been around when that fire alarm goes off and the firemen instantly quit doing whatever it was they were doing to jump in the vehicle and head for the fire station. Then, they get to the scene of the fire as soon as they possibly can and immediately start taking care of the task at hand.

"Without hesitation, they do what needs to be done." These folks deserve the credit they get for the job they do, and I look forward to continuing my effort in letting the people of the community know of all the good things that are going on with the fire department.

And, I encourage everyone in every community to let the firefighters know how appreciated they really are. I would hate to imagine how things would be if we didn't have these special people willing to be there at the sound of the alarm.

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Now, the eight children and

other grief-stricken relatives of the three firefighters in New York are forced to deal with an overwhelming tragedy. They hope one day the firefighter will be one day they will have a day to grieve and a day to deal with the devastation of losing their loved ones and at the same time be honored in knowing that these men will always be remembered as heroes.

I was thanked Monday evening for the things I do through the Elba Clipper to help promote the Elba Fire Department, but in reality, I should be the one thanking the fire department for the things they do. When you have people as committed to their responsibilities as the men of the Elba Fire Department are, it makes any job a pleasure.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department beginning Monday, June 11, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two for domestic violence, one harassment, one breaking and entering, one vehicle, one minor in consumption, one T.O.P. and one natural death.

The following arrests were made: one minor consuming alcohol and two for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for running a stop sign, three for violation of the seat belt law, ten for speeding, one for improper passing, one for failure to have insurance, two for driver's license not in possession, one for suspended driver's license, two for no insurance, one for revoked driver's license and one for passing in a no passing zone. Daily activity-highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, JUNE 11** Possible breaking and entering reported at 14602 Hwy. 875 (2:08 a.m.); River stage - 8.81 feet (6:13 a.m.); Alarm activated at 602 Reynolds St. (10:11 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12** River stage - 8.81 feet (7:10 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1883 Hickman Ave. (7:42 a.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13** CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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**GRIF SUPPORT GROUP** every Monday - 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church, 1st flr., 12-30 (500 Call FRTL)

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**ELBA CITY SCHOOLBOARD** 1st Thur., 5:30 p.m. Supt. Office

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## "Summer Camp" to be held at the Vineyard August 3-5

Christian Youth Camp, Inc. is pleased to announce its first ever "Summer Camp" to be held Aug. 3-5, 2001 at the Vineyard in northeast Coffee County. The camp is open to kids ages 10-12 who have not entered the 7th grade. The camp is designed to provide non-denominational Christian education not only for children who are regular churchgoers, but for those who have no church home. Steve and Denise Tipton of Marion, Alabama, Christian volunteers

with a wealth of experience in youth ministry, will lead this year's camp and activities to include games, swimming and boating.

Anyone interested in registering to attend or needing more information about the camp may contact Dr. John Granger or Martha Herring at 894-6411. The camp is limited to 100 children and will be taken on a first come basis. There is no charge for the camp. Registration deadline is July 15th.

## VBS planned at Country Cathedral June 20 - 22

VBS will be held at Country Cathedral June 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be activities for ages 5 years thru 18 years old. The theme will be "Jesus To The Rescue". There

"Sounds of Joy" to celebrate 28th anniversary June 24, at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church

"Sounds of Joy" celebrates its 28th anniversary at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, located at 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise. The celebration will

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host gospel singing

Vanderbilt Holiness Church, 1 mile past Wayne's Farm is hosting a gospel singing

Elba Church of God holding revival services nightly this week

The Elba Church of God is holding a Revival this week at 7:00 PM every night. It will continue until Friday, Robbie Pugh is the Evangelist.

Bridal Registry

Kelly McLain & Lance McCollough Wedding 6/23/01

Desiree Davis & Chris Parrish Wedding 7/21/01

Michael Maddox & Carole Arin Corrall Wedding 6/24/01

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

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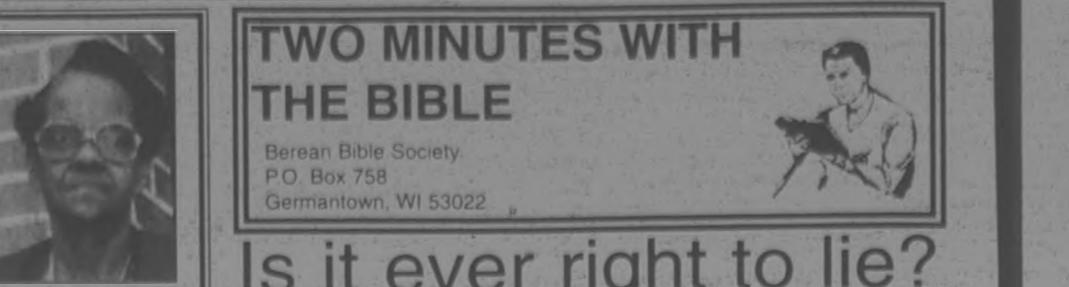
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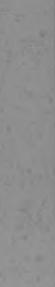
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### SCRIPTURE: ACTS 12:1-25



### TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE



### Is it ever right to lie?

"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not when she had received the spirit with peace" (Heb 11:31).

We surely had a good discussion at the Bible study on "Rahab the harlot". No doubt she was guilty of more sins than "harlotry" as a simple reading of the text Joshua 2:1-20 would indicate. That she also lied an obvious conclusion. And "yes", she could simply have said, "If you wish to search the house, please do so", and left the outcome to God. But in her "little" faith she sought to help God out instead, perhaps in fear of her life, as Abraham and Sarah before her had done (Gen. 16:1-16). But lest you should judge this new behavior too harshly, what might your reaction have been, had you been in her circumstances (Gal. 6:1)? Remember, please, that our God is not only a God of justice, as Jericho, but He is also merciful, kind, and gracious. He is more willing to bless us than we are to be blessed.

Is it ever wrong to lie? Of course it is wrong to lie under any circumstance. But like I said, that old "supplanted" or "deceived" (Gen. 27:36), this dear soul wanted the blessing of God more than any thing else in her whole life. That God honored her faith, not her lie, is clearly seen in the words of the Apostle Paul: "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not when she had received the spirit with peace" (Heb 11:31).

"A question: How is it possible that God's son, who "cannot lie" (Tit. 1:2), our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, should have come through the line of these renowned sinners, if not to die for sinners on Calvary's cross?" In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Yes, it cost us blessed Saviour His life's blood to save us from our sins, so terrible is sin in the sight of God-even a little white lie! As God could save Rahab, by grace, so He can save you too, if you will only believe Him.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SAMC "Lunch with the Doctor" planned for Monday, June 25th

The Southeast Alabama Medical Center is sponsoring "Lunch with the Doctor" Monday, June 25 at 12:00 noon. Dr. Robinson's topic will be joint replacement including Hip and Knee Anatomy. Signs and Symptoms You Should

Look For, Treatment Options and Recovery Process. Reservations are required call the Medical Call Center at (334)712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998 and press 3.

**USDA appoints**  
Pelham to head rural development efforts in Alabama

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently appointed Steve Pelham as the Alabama State Director for USDA Rural Development.

Pelham, from Montgomery, has served as the State Director for U.S. Representative Terry Everett since 1993. In that capacity, Pelham was responsible for the overall operation of the USDA's offices where he worked closely with rural agribusiness issues important to Alabama's 2nd Congressional District.

Pelham has been active in building partnerships between the USDA Rural Development and rural communities to provide funding for housing, community facilities, utilities, and other services to rural areas. Prior to his joining Congresswoman Everett's staff, Pelham served as an Area Organization Director for the Alabama Farmers Federation.

### FREE

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math, and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College offers classes in South Alabama. Adult Education Network bring five separate sessions of adult education. Call 391-ESK, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes and to schedule orientation and testing.

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## Dr. Holt among first class of University of Alabama Rural Medical Scholars

Dr. Thomas Daniel Holt of Elba was among the first class of University of Alabama Rural Medical Scholars to graduate from UA School of Medicine this spring.

In 1996, the first class of Rural Medical Scholars entered a highly competitive pre-med and medical program pre-med and medical program at the UA College of Community Health Sciences (Tuscaloosa) and the UA School of Medicine (Tuscaloosa).

Holt was selected to attend the USM-Hinds Community Health Sciences program in 1986 and became the sixth member of his immediate family to attend Auburn University, graduating in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Holt worked as an intern at a design firm in Birmingham, plans to practice family medicine in rural southeast Alabama. He will complete a family practice residency in Huntsville.

Health, the class joined previous scholars at the UA School of Medicine. In their last two years of medical school, the scholars returned to UA College of Community Health Sciences for clinical training that experienced primary care and rural medical practice.

Holt was selected to attend the UA School of Medicine (Tuscaloosa) and the UA School of Medicine (Tuscaloosa) for students from rural Alabama who plan to practice in rural locations.

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# SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Sunday was both Father's Day and Mom's birthday. So, the girls allowed us to celebrate both occasions by letting us take everyone out to lunch. I will admit that the food was great and it was enjoyable to eat with Randle and his folks over in Opp. However, I think it was even better to have the whole family together for a meal, and for fellowship.

### HITS AND MISSES ....

\*\*\* Elba Country Club held its annual Junior Golf Invitational last Saturday and expected the young members of the Elba Tiger golf team dominating the competition. In the end, the team overcame Colby Capps won the championship with a three-under par 68 closely followed by teammates Justin Allen and Bart Barnes. There is no doubt that Elba has a very talented group of young golfers coming through, and with hard work and dedication they should have a solid shot at winning a state championship, or two, in the very near future.

\*\*\* Coach Amelia Rhodes held a volleyball camp last weekend at Elba High and had a big group of youngsters at the four-day camp that were eager to learn the fundamentals of volleyball. Coach Rhodes led the Kinston Lady Bulldogs to a state title while at Kinston and rolled up countless wins, and honors, and know has brought her winning attitude and knowledge of the game to Elba High. The Elba girls have been very competitive for many years in volleyball, and this help from Coach Rhodes should pay dividends.

\*\*\* I was told that interviews began last week for the position of head football coach at Elba High, and while I am very interested in the goings on, I will admit that I haven't really kept up with the process. I understand that interim head coach Mike Waters was one of the coaches to be interviewed, but really don't know much else. I expect the hiring process to be completed very quickly, and look for a head coach to be named before the end of the month. Okay Elba fans, let's hope the next Tiger coach will be the one that will guide the Tigers on their road back to winning football.

\*\*\* I don't watch television very much and hardly ever read a newspaper from Montgomery, but it seems to me that the Montgomery Wings independent pro baseball team isn't exactly taking the field to start the TV stations will give the scores of the games, but the videos show mostly empty seats that filled ones, and I can't help but believe that unless Montgomery can lure a true major league farm team to the city very soon, the Wings will go the way of all those so-called pro teams that passed through Birmingham over the years.

\*\*\* A group of Elba High basketball players have been traveling down to Florida the past few weeks with former-Malone High School coach Ken English to compete in a summer league, and last week Coach English and his troops brought home a lopsided win over Malone. English left Malone after only one season due to personal reasons and caught some heat from Malone officials, but his win last week over his ex-school might have opened some eyes and I am sure the win was especially sweet for both Coach English and his son Kyle. By the way, the Elba kids have done really well in the summer league and I think have gained much experience that will help in the coming season.

\*\*\* In closing, registration for youth football and cheerleading will begin in just a few weeks, and this year Elba will continue to compete in the Tri-County Football League, along with Opp, Andalusia, Straughn, Flora and Red Level. This season the league will be split into two divisions, with the winners meeting in a first ever "Super Bowl," and that should make the season even more exciting than ever. The ages for the teams, and squads, will be 6-12, with the cut-off date being one's age on August 1, 2001. Get ready, it is almost time to kick it off!

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### Takes title for second straight year Colby Capps captures Elba Junior Invitational title

Elba's Own Colby Capps fired a three under par 68 (33) last week to capture his second consecutive championship in the Elba Country Club Junior Invitational Golf Tournament. Justin Allen, also of Elba, finished second with an even par 71 (36-35), while Elba's Bart Barnes placed third with a two over par 73 (38-35).

Following are the complete lists of competitors in each of the divisions:

**AGE 17-18**  
Eric Mitchell, Troy 77  
Tommy Casey, Geneva 78  
Adam Pickron, Opp 79  
Patrick Dyess, Geneva 81  
Adam Riley, Geneva 81  
Neil Grantham, Elba 95

**AGE 16**  
Colby Capps, Elba 68  
Justin Allen, Elba 71

**AGE 15-16**  
Allison Mitchell, Troy 84  
Kristen Barnes, Elba 118  
Mallory Allen, Elba 121

**YOUTH BASEBALL SEASONS DRAW TO A CLOSE IN ELBA**

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation wrapped up its 2001 summer baseball and softball seasons last week, with action on the baseball diamonds.

Following are highlights of recent baseball action:

**DIXIE PRE-MAJORS  
BASEBALL**

\*\*\* Opp 8 Z.C. Rebels 3 - Opp pulled ahead early and pulled away late to win the Z.C. Rebels 8-3, last Friday night in Elba. Anderson got 2 hits and Wilkerson banged out 3 hits and Stanley added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Chris Summerhill got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels. While, Flowers added 1 hit and also scored 1 run.

\*\*\* Opp 8 Elba 4 - Opp completed a double-header, sweep Friday night with an 8-4 win over Elba. Anderson and Stanley combined for 4 hits and scored 4 runs to lead Opp, while Richard Myers got 1 hit and scored 1 run.

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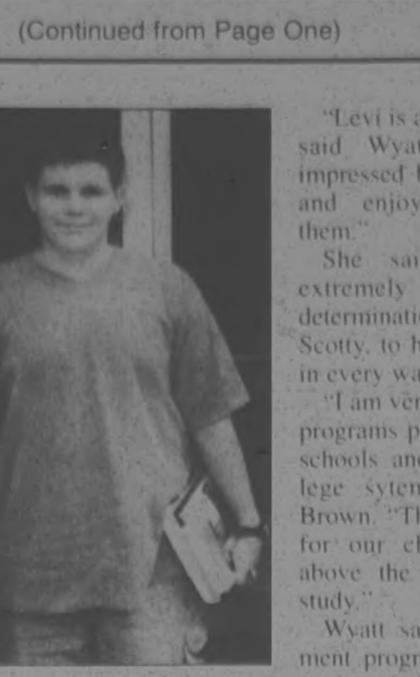
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school administration.

"We did have to get special permission from the state board regarding Levi's admission into the program," said Wyatt. "I facilitated the special permission and acted as a conflict between Mr. Brown's family and the state board."

She said ESJC has been implementing the program where a high school student could receive college credit for more than 15 years; however, it has only been the last five or six years that the student could receive dual credit for both high school and college.

Brown, taking a missed appreciation class and an intro to computer science class this semester.

"It's been fun but hard," Brown said. "They've all been very helpful and nice to me."

He said he has already discovered that college is a lot different from high school, especially in regards to freedom.

"If the instructors finish a lesson early, they don't give you busy work," he said. "Instead,

they let you go for the day."

Wyatt said Brown is the youngest student she has helped to enroll at ESJC. "She has the same age as Brown who enrolled in a piano class, but Brown is the youngest student she has encountered to enroll on an academic basis."

## SouthTrust Bank of Elba honors chamber members

On Tuesday evening, June 19, SouthTrust Bank of Elba honored members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce with a reception at the bank.

The purpose was to celebrate business in Elba and remind chamber members that SouthTrust Bank is here to serve the people of Elba.

Twelve month staff members

He said the school system in Elba has saved many thousands of dollars by the efforts of these staff members, which was aided by the City of Elba. He also explained that staffers solved one "water seepage problem" at the high school which had existed since the school was first built.

"I am very pleased with the efforts of our extended contract staff in putting forth this extra effort," said Mr. Weeks.

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Nonprofit service agencies and cultural organizations in the Wiregrass region will soon be able to post their wish list on a web site where businesses, individuals and organizations can send in their hours for services items or gifts to recipients in exchange of goods that benefit both parties.

"The Community Wish List is being established by the Community Foundation of Southeast Alabama to help nonprofits further stretch their service delivery model and give prospective 'wish granters' a way to identify those needs," said David Jamison, Foundation president. Prospective donors can now visit

**WWW.ELFA.ORG** and quickly determine which agency has a need for an item or items the business or individual wants to give away.

Jem area nonprofits have already posted their wish lists and visitors may be granted at any time by calling the agency in need. Other nonprofit service organizations are encouraged to visit the web site and explore the Community Wish List service. Organizations that would like to have their wish list posted must do so in writing to the Foundation, P.O. Box 1422, Dothan, AL 36302 or by fax to (334) 793-0627.

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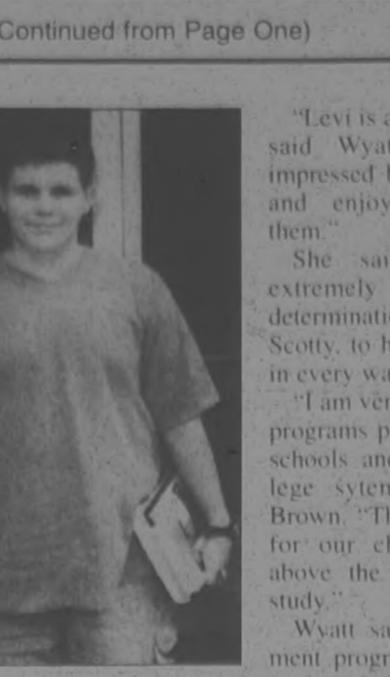
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"Levi is a bright young man," said Wyatt. "I have been impressed by his whole family and enjoyed working with them."

She said she has been extremely impressed by the dedication to help his son advance in every way he can.

"I am very appreciative of the programs provided by our local schools and the Alabama college system," said the elder Brown. "They make it possible for our children to advance above the standard course of study."

Wyatt said the dual enrollment program is not for everyone, but for those who have the discipline, it can be a great asset.

"It's a growing way to get college credits," she said. "And, a lot of students would qualify if they only knew more about the program."

As for Levi's future, he said he is enjoying his experience this summer and will probably return again next summer.

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## Thursday afternoon fire destroys home



**Fire destroyed** the rural Coffee County home of Stan and Carol Windham last Thursday afternoon, June 21. Shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday, emergency personnel were notified of the house fire on Alabama Highway 87 South of Coffee County Road 514 and North of Alabama Highway 134. Traffic traveling on Hwy. 87 was blocked and detoured between County Rd. 514 and Hwy. 134 as firefighters from five local stations worked to extinguish the flames. The fire apparently started after lightning struck during a fierce late afternoon thunderstorm which swept through the county. Due to the loss of their home, any wishes to make a monetary donation to the Windham family can do so at the Citizens Bank in Enterprise. A special account has been set up for the family.

## Council grants tax abatements to new Dorsey Trailers

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to grant tax abatements to the new Dorsey Trailer Company. The sales and property tax relief voted in by the city council must first be approved by the Alabama Department of Revenue before becoming a reality. The number

of years the abatement is in force could be as much as ten years, but that too will be set by the Department of Revenue and is based on the dollar amount of the new company's investment.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that the police department has two new officers currently in recruit school for the next 12 weeks.

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**During dedication ceremony**

## EGH&NH celebrates expansion and renovations

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Those associated with the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home enjoyed a special open house on June 24, during an open house for the dedication of a recent addition and renovation to the facility.

"As you might imagine, this is an important moment for anyone associated with the hospital," said Drexel Cook, chairman of the Elba Health Care Authority. "It has always been the goal of the board to create a health care facility that would be second to none. I believe today we are close to reaching that goal."

Cook said the facility has had and continues to have a group of superior employees that make it easy for the hospital and nursing home to grow and prosper.

The nearly \$2 million dollar expansion and renovation of the hospital and nursing home was announced in April of 2000, and became a full reality just Sunday when many local citizens joined the facility's board and staff for

the dedication of the building.

A major part of the project is the construction of a new wing in the nursing home. The 24-bed wing added 10 additional semi-private units to the nursing home, increasing its total resident capacity of nearly a total of 100.

Besides the additional rooms, the wing provides the nursing home with a new front entrance, new lobby with nurses station and a drive-under canopy at the front entrance.

Other renovations include a patient loading canopy at the hospital entrance, as well as modernization of the exterior, which included individual heating and cooling units for each room.

During the dedication ceremony, board member Carolyn Brunson announced the renovation of the wings within the facility.

"Today, we celebrate the culmination of their dreams," Brunson said.

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